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SUBJECT: ICCS: RESULTS OF DEC 12 MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING

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1. ACCORDING TO CHIEF IRANIAN MILITARY DELEGATION GENERAL SODEIFI, WHO BRIEFED EMBOFF DEC 13 ICCS MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING ON DEC 12 WENT SMOOTHLY WITH ONLY TWO ITEMS ON AGENDA HAVING TO BE REFERRED BACK TO THE PLENARY FOR RESOLUTION. ALL REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATION WERE HANDLED ROUTINELY. THE ORDER TO BEGIN INVESTIGATIONS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE RECORD OF DECISION FOR THE LAST PLENARY IS ADOPTED AT THE NEXT PLENARY ON DEC 14.

2. PRIOR TO THIS MEETING SODEIFI CONSULTED WITH CHIEF POLISH
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MILITARY DELEGATION GENERAL DZIPANOW SINCE DZIPANOW IS TAKING THE

LEAD FOR THE TWO COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS. SODEIFI INDICATED THAT HE WANTED THE QTE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION UNQTE THAT HAD PREVAILED AT THE RECENT PLENARY MEETING TO CONTINUE AT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING. GENERAL DZIPANOW CONCURRED AND ASKED SODEIFI TO INDICATE TO HIS OFFICERS AT THE REGIONAL AND SUB REGIONAL SITES THAT THEY APPROACH THEIR WORK IN THE SAME SPIRIT. SODEIFI HAS COMPLIED WITH THIS REQUEST BUT HAS WARNED HIS OFFICERS TO BE QTE ALERT FOR COMMUNIST TRICKS UNQTE, SINCE GENERAL DZIPANOW ATTEMPTED ONE DURING THEIR CONSULTATIONS.(GENERAL DZIPANOW SUGGESTED THEY COMBINE THE LIST OF REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATIONS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER INTO ONE CHRONOLOGICAL LIST. SODEIFI OBJECTED ON THE BASIS THAT THEY COULD ONLY DO WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED TO IN THE PLENARY, E.E. INVESTIGATE THE TWO LISTS CONCURRENTLY. DZIPANOW DID NOT PRESS THE MATTER.)

3. SODEIFI HAS ORDERED THAT THE MOST COMPETENT IRANIAN OFFICERS IN REGION V BE ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE THE FOUR MOST RECENT ALLEGED MAJOR VIOLATIONS THERE; TWO COMMUNIST (AN LOC AND BIEN HOA AIRFIELD) AND TWO RVN (LOC NINH AND RANG RANG). HE HAS TOLD HIS OFFICERS NOT TO AGREE TO THE FORWARDING OF ANY SINGLE REPORT UNTIL REPORTS ON ALL FOURS CASES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

4. SODEIFI SAID THAT THE IRANIANS PLANNED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OCTOBER INVESTIGATIONS BUT MAKE NO COMMENTS OR REPORTS ON THEM. THEY HAVE NOT NOTIFIED THE OTHER DELEGATIONS OF THIS INTENTION. WHEN THE INVESTIGATIONS FOR OCTOBER ARE COMPLETED THEY PLAN TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY PARTICIPATED IN THE INVESTIGATION TO SHOW THEIR QTE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION UNQTE BUT COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN REPORTING ON THE RESULTS BECAUSE THEIR DELEGATION HAD NOT BEEN IN PLACE AT THAT TIME.

5. THE TWO ITEMS WHICH WERE RETURNED TO THE PLENARY FOR RESOLUTION CONCERNED:

(A) LETTER REQUESTING PRG SAFETY GUARANTEES; AND
(B) QUESTION OF STANDARDIZING ICCS WORK DAY. SODEIFI REALIZED THAT THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN USING THE LACK OF PRG SAFETY GUARANTEES AS AN EXCUSE FOR NOT MAKING INVESTIGATIONS. THE IRDEL HAS NOT DECIDED YET HOW TO PLAY THIS ONE. ON THE QUESTION OF STANDARDIZING THE WORK DAY HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS HAVE USED THE LACK OF AGREED CONFIDENTIAL

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WORKING HOUSE AS A MEANS OF DELAYING INVESTIGATION BY QUITTING IN THE MIDDLE OF AN INVESTIGATION.

6. SODEIFI NOTED THAT HE AND AMBASSADOR SADRI WILL PROBABLY DEPART FOR CONSULTATIONS IN TEHRAN ON EITHER 24 OR 26 DECEMBER BUT WILL BE GONE AT MOST ONE WEEK.

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